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Sian, 29 March (Hsin-hua) -- From 9 to 24 March 1950, a conference sponsored by the communication section of the Northwest Military and Political Commission was held to study the various communication problems of the Northwest. The following projects were planned for 1950.

## 1. Lung-hai Railroad

Repairs on the T'ung-kuan--Pao-chi section and the Hsien-yang--T'ung-chuan branch are to be completed; engineering work on the Pao-chi--T'ien-shui section is to be completed; construction work between T'ien-shui and Lung-hsi and also between Lung-hsi and Lan-chou are to be continued; and a line between Lan-chou and Wu-wei is to be surveyed.

## 2. Highways

Repairs are to be made on the Northwest national highway which passes through Lan-chou, Sinkiang to Ho-ch'eng on the USSR border. Major reconstruction is to be started on the road between Hua-chia-ling, east of T'ing-hsi, and Shuang-shih-p'u, northwest of Feng hsien, and also on the Szechuan-Shensi highway.

## 3. Postal and Telegraph

A postal system between Ming-hsia and Pao-t'ao, using automobile service, is to be instituted with Wu-su as one central point for the area eastward to Urumchi and westward to Chuguchak, and Kucha as another central point for the area eastward to Turfan and westward through Kashgar to I-erh-k'o-shih-t'an-mu. Repairs are to be made on the telegraph line between P'ing-liang and Lan-chou and also between Urumchi and I-li. At the same time, the Uighur telegraphic code is being studied.

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